



DICKINSON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DELTA COUNTY, DICKINSON COUNTY AND MENOMINEE COUNTY

The Pinecrest Medical Care Facility is unique to the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan. It is a jointly owned facility whose financial responsibility lies with the three County owners.

The three Counties have enjoyed a long standing joint ownership venture and operation of the Pinecrest Medical Care Facility. This successful relationship has been demonstrated through each County's voter approval of millages to construct a large expansion and modernization of the Medical Care Facility.

It is the desire of the three owner Counties to expand and enhance services further to meet the changing needs of the respective County residents.

The current legislation which guides the operation of Medical Care Facilities in Michigan needs to be updated. The owner Counties have agreed to pursue changing the legislation which will allow for ownership representation of the Pinecrest Board. The financial responsibility for taxpayer dollars lies solely with the elected County Commissioners. Currently, the County Commissioner only holds a liaison position on the Pinecrest Board, thus the Commissioner representative does not have voting rights or even the opportunity to fully engage in the meetings. Amending the current governing legislation for Pinecrest medical care facility will allow each county to provide local governance through appointments made by each county's Board of Commissioners.

By this Letter of Understanding, each County Board has agreed to request the State Legislature to make legislative adjustment to current laws governing Medical Care Facilities in Michigan. This change would affect Pinecrest Medical Care Facility, which is the only multi jurisdiction operation.

This Letter of Understanding has been presented and approved by each County as indicated in the following certifications.



I, Dolly L. Cook, Dickinson County Clerk and Clerk of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the regular meeting of the Dickinson County Board of Commissioners held on November 12, 2012.

I, Dolly L. Cook, Dickinson County Clerk do hereby set my hand and seal this 15th day of November, 2012.

Dolly L. Cook, Dickinson County Clerk